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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the minimum hours of instructional school time
2 in a school year for grades one through twelve for school
3 districts, charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools,
4 and providing an effective date.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 19, Code Supplement
1 2 2005, is amended by striking the subsection.
1 3 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by
1 4 adding the following new subsection:
1 5 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Adopt rules that define what
1 6 constitutes instructional time for purposes of the minimum
1 7 hours of instructional time set forth in section 279.10.
1 8 Instructional time shall not include the lunch period, recess,
1 9 time for noninstructional assemblies, late arrival or early
1 10 dismissal times required for emergency health or safety
1 11 factors, weather-related late starts or early releases, or
1 12 time used for professional development.
1 13 Sec. 3. Section 256F.4, subsection 5, Code 2005, is
1 14 amended to read as follows:
1 15 5. A charter school shall provide instruction for at least
1 16 the number of days hours required by section 279.10,
1 17 ~~subsection 1, or shall provide at least the equivalent number~~
1 18 ~~of total hours.~~
1 19 Sec. 4. Section 279.10, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2005,
1 20 are amended to read as follows:
1 21 1. The school year shall begin on the first day of July
1 22 and each regularly established elementary and secondary school
1 23 shall begin no sooner than a day during the calendar week in
1 24 which the first day of September falls but no later than the
1 25 first Monday in December. However, if the first day of
1 26 September falls on a Sunday, school may begin on a day during
1 27 the calendar week which immediately precedes the first day of
1 28 September. ~~School shall continue for at least one hundred~~
1 29 ~~eighty days, except as provided in subsection 3, and may be~~
1 30 ~~maintained during the entire calendar year. However, if the~~
1 31 ~~board of directors of a district extends the school calendar~~
1 32 ~~because inclement weather caused the district to temporarily~~
1 33 ~~close school during the regular school calendar, the A school~~
1 34 ~~district may excuse shall require a graduating senior who has~~
1 35 ~~met district or school to meet the same requirements for~~
2 1 ~~graduation from attendance during the extended school calendar~~
2 2 ~~as those required of any other class of students enrolled at~~
2 3 ~~the secondary level in the school district, except with regard~~
2 4 ~~to activities related to graduation as authorized by the~~
2 5 ~~school district. The minimum hours of instructional time in a~~
2 6 ~~school year for grades one through six shall be nine hundred~~
2 7 ~~ninety hours. The minimum hours of instructional time in a~~
2 8 ~~school year for grades seven through twelve shall be one~~
2 9 ~~thousand eighty hours. A school corporation may begin~~
2 10 ~~employment of personnel for in-service training and~~
2 11 ~~development purposes before the date to begin elementary and~~
2 12 ~~secondary school.~~
2 13 2. The board of directors shall hold a public hearing on
2 14 any ~~proposal request authorized under subsection 4~~ prior to
2 15 submitting it to the department of education for approval.
2 16 Sec. 5. FUTURE EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July

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